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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON- FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This *Amendment and Response* is being filed in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on September 15, 2009. Applicants are concurrently filing a petition for a two-month extension of time to extend the response deadline up to an including February 15, 2010.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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